

## 5TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

### LIFE-LINES

*"Is not man's life on earth a drudgery?" — Job 7:1*

Most people can relate to Job, for they have endured tragedies, deaths in their families, sicknesses, pain, and sufferings. Even those who have so far had easier lives know that life can be, and almost inevitably will be, hard. We all have the question of Job: "Is not man's life on earth a drudgery?" We feel as if we "have been assigned months of misery" (Jb 7:3). Our days and nights drag on ever so slowly (Jb 7:4), while at the same time life passes all too quickly (Jb 7:6-7).

We cannot change the drudgery and slavery of our human condition. For example, Paul tried for years to rise above our human condition; finally, he was forced to cry out in desperation: "What a wretched man I am! Who can free me from this body under the power of death?" (Rm 7:24) Unlike Job, Paul amazingly received an answer to this previously unanswerable question. The answer was: "Jesus Christ our Lord" (Rm 7:25).

Only Jesus can make life worth living. He alone is the Way, the Truth, and the Life (Jn 14:6). He is "our only Master and Lord" (Jude 4). "There is no salvation in anyone else, for there is no other name in the whole world given to men by which we are to be saved" (Acts 4:12).

**Prayer:** Jesus, I believe You are reaching out Your hand to me (see Mk 1:31). By faith, I take Your hand. You are my Savior and my only Hope.

**Promise:** "Preaching the gospel is not the subject of a boast; I am under compulsion and have no choice. I am ruined if I do not preach it! If I do it willingly, I have my recompense; if unwillingly, I am nonetheless entrusted with a charge." — 1 Cor 9:16-17

**Praise:** Praise You, risen Jesus! Your resurrected glory has given every part of our lives great meaning. Alleluia!

### DAILY READINGS

**Mon, 6 Feb: 5th Week, Ordinary Time**

1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13 Ps 131 Mk 6:53-56

**Tue, 7 Feb: 5th Week, Ordinary Time**

1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30 Ps 83: 3-5, 10-11 Mk 7:1-13

**Wed, 8 Feb: 5th Week, Ordinary Time**

1 Kgs 10:1-10 Ps 36:5-6, 30-31, 39-40  
Mk 7:14-23.

**Thurs, 9 Feb: 5th Week, Ordinary Time**

1 Kgs 11:4-13 Ps 105:3-4, 35-36, 37, 40  
Mk 7:24-30.

**Fri, 10 Feb: St Scholastica, memorial**

1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19 Ps 80:10-15 Mk 7:31-37

**Sat, 11 Feb: 5th Week, Ordinary Time, Mass of Our**

**Lady of Lourdes, memorial**

Is 66:10-14c Jdt 13:18bcde. 19 Jn 2:1-11.

### PARISH SECRETARIAT

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5.30pm, Sun: 9am to 1pm.

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# CHURCH OF DIVINE MERCY

## Parish Bulletin

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### PARISH PRIESTS

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### MASS & PRAYER TIMES

**Weekday**

6:30am, 6:15pm

**Saturday**

5:30pm

7.30pm Tagalog Mass

(Every 3rd Saturday of the month)

**Sunday**

7:00am, 9:00am, 11.30am, 5.30pm

Confessions 15 min before Mass.

**Divine Mercy Devotion**

Daily at 6.45pm (Chapel)

Every 1st Sat of the month at

4.45pm (Main Church)

**Prayer for Priests @ Parish Chapel**

Every Thursday at 5.15pm,

followed by 6.15pm Mass.



### HOME VISIT SCHEDULE

**6 - 9 Feb from 8pm**

**Zone 15:** Blocks 753-782

**Zone 16:** Livia, Elias Green, Elias Terrace, Elias D'elias Terrace

**Zone 17:** Elias Road, Pasir Ris Heights, Pasir Ris View, Pasir Ris Terrace, Pasir Ris Ave, Pasir Ris Lane Beach Park)

\*Visitation schedule subjected to change

**10 Feb : Group Mass, 8pm**

**Venue** CDM Main Church



*Alvin Tan's family posing for a photo shoot with visiting missionary, Father Johnson. Read more in page 2.*

### PM 2012

**"All this I do for the sake of the gospel, so that I too may have a share in it" "**

**- 1 Cor 9:23**

**Thank you to the families, missionaries and volunteers for a great start to PM2012!**

## Something to think about...

*We live in a hi-tech, fast pace, workaholic world. We are constantly running errands, going places and at the end of the day we are totally exhausted. Most of us live by the clock and are controlled by the need to produce. Time is money. We resist quiet time by keeping the car radios, TV's, smart phones and computers on. For many of us the very thought of being alone scares us to death.*

*This weekend's gospel story reminds us to make time for ourselves. This should be a high priority. The story tells us that Jesus, in spite of his very busy schedule always took time away to pray and be refreshed. He regularly set aside time to submit himself to the power of God. We too need to learn to yield to the power of God. That means being free from all distractions so that God can empower us and refresh us.*

*Then and only then can we help others experience the power of God flowing through us.*



PARISH MISSION WEEK 1 | 30 JAN - 3 FEB

Parish Mission started off on 30 Jan, with a lot of excitement as our new missionaries headed out to the homes of our parishioners, assisted by the volunteer guides and drivers.



*"It was really nice to be able to chit chat with the missionary in a casual setting...we learnt many*

*interested things about our priest too! ...Fr. Johnson was able to hear the request of the parishioners and have set up future dates to meet up to discuss future projects with them. The casual setting allowed for more dialog and helped bridged the distance we once perceived towards religious people."*

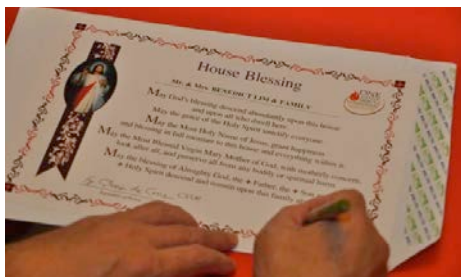
– Guide Ros Chang who also opened her home to our parish priest

*"Helping on this parish mission as a guide has allowed me to experience the true meaning of commitment and perseverance that I have seen through all the missionaries and volunteers. The missionaries have brought great joy & faith to each family they visited by praying with the family. This is truly an awesome and encouraging experience."*

– Alvin Tan, volunteer guide.

To volunteer, you can contact Nicole-Ann Nielsen at 98459286 or nicogwen@gmail.com

Get you home blessed by our Missioner!



All home visited will receive a House Blessing certificate. Don't forget to ask the missionary to bless your home too!

Catechist Commissioning 2012

This Sun at the 5:30pm Mass, 60 catechists will be commissioned. During the Rite of Commissioning, special blessing and prayer are said for catechists, who have responded to God's call to be echoers of faith, as they start the new catechetical year on 11 Feb.



Why do we commission our catechists?

Catechesis is a distinct and special ministry in the Church. As the Catechism of the Catholic Church makes clear, "Catechesis is intimately bound up with the whole of the Church's life her inner growth and correspondence with God's plan depend essentially on catechesis" (no. 7). This ministry of teaching in the name of the Church has a profound dignity, which is why catechists are formally commissioned by the Church.

CDM ANNOUNCEMENTS

Infant Baptism Preparation Session

This is a gentle reminder for the parents and godparents who have signed up for this month's infant baptism.

**Date/Time** Sun, 5 Feb, 3.30pm

**Venue** St. Faustina Room (Level 4)  
Infant baptisms will be held on Sun, 12 Feb, at the 11.30am Mass.

Family Life Society Roadshow (5 Feb)

The Family Life Society roadshow will be at our parish this Sunday from 8.30am – 1.00pm. Meet the team and discover how a Christian family can respond to the concerns of the family today.

Catechism Classes

Please note that catechism classes will start on 11 and 12 Feb.

**Primary level 1 - 6 classes on Saturday**  
4.15pm - 5.15pm

**Primary level 1 - 6 classes on Sunday**  
10.15am - 11.15am

**Confirmation level 1 - 3 classes**  
Sunday, 8.30am to 10am.

RCIY

Saturday, 2.45pm to 4.00pm

Society of St Vincent de Paul Collection

We have received from our congregation, as well as from miscellaneous contributions, a total of \$ 11,914.26 for the month of January.

Thank you and please continue your support to the SSVP 2nd collection every first week of the month (at all Masses).

Mini Line Dance Jam

There'll be a Mini Line Dance Jam on Saturday, 11th February from 7.15pm to 9pm in the Parish Hall. All are welcome.

AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

Reply Deadline for Users of Columbaria

Users of church columbaria should have received a letter from their columbarium on the new Terms and Conditions. You are kindly requested to **sign the Reply Form** and notify your Columbarium of your agreement.

If you have not yet received the letter and the accompanying documents, PLEASE CONTACT YOUR COLUMBARIUM.

**For full details, please read the notice in this week's (5 Feb) issue of the Catholic News.**

Media Makan: Ordering What's Good For You

Today, we are all communicators! Come and learn from media expert, Dr. Eugene Gan, the keys to producing and consuming media with a Catholic view. The talk is free and open to all ages. Light refreshments will be served.

**Date/Time** 9 Feb 2012, 7:00-8:30pm

**Place** Catholic Archdiocesan Education Centre (CAEC)  
2 Highland Road  
St. Peter's Auditorium  
2nd Floor

**Register by 3 February** at <http://registration.catholic.org.sg>

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